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Special Sale at

# THE STAR CLOTHING STORE,

Commencing December 15th, until December 31st, 1896.

500 Overcoats,  
Just Received,  
\$12.48.

Will be placed on sale Wednesday, December 15th until Thursday, December 31st, 1896, and will be sold for the remarkable low price of \$12.48.

300 Ulsters,  
Just Received,  
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We will also dispose of our entire stock and varied assortment of

\$12.48. Tailor Made Suits for 12.48 \$12.48.

Remember any Ulster, Overcoat or Suit in our immense stock for \$12.48.

Bargains for the many, and not for the few. Bargains are bargains when goods are wanted not after you have made your purchases;—That is not enterprise. We heed the demand of the times and make prices on reliable merchandise accordingly. Stock must be cleared no matter what the sacrifice. This is the Remedy; Short, Simple, Swift and Sure. These are all the facts necessary for the Quick or the Economical.

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This sale will last for fifteen days and for Cash Only.

All other goods in our store at proportionately same figures and to enumerate them here would take too much space. Please bear in mind that this sale will continue for fifteen days, and for cash only.

CASH BARGAINS.

## The Star Clothing House.

227-229 Fifth Street, Red Jacket,

### Portage Lake News.

#### Abduction Case Settled Saturday at Houghton.

#### Mr. Crossen Gets the Child.

#### Hancock Council Purchases the Property From Mr. Morales—Other Late News.

The final act of the Crossen abduction case from Calumet took place before Judge Hobbell, sitting in chambers, Saturday. The matter was brought before the court on a writ of habeas corpus got out by Mr. Crossen to gain possession of the little 6 year-old girl.

The history of the case is as follows: The child's mother died when it was born and Crossen gave the child to Mrs. Kinsman to raise and as Mrs. Kinsman says it was understood that he would not claim it again. A few weeks ago the father took the child in such a manner as led to her arrest for abduction. Then Mrs. Kinsman removed the child in her turn and the habeas corpus proceedings of Saturday resulted. The court holding that the agreement between Mr. Crossen and Mrs. Kinsman not being in writing the former was entitled to the custody of the child. Then came a very affecting scene. The little girl clung to the woman and cried at the idea of leaving her, exclaiming, "Oh do not let him take me." The scene was a direct contradiction to the former evidence of certain persons that force had to be used by Mrs. Kinsman when she took the child from Crossen. Mrs. Kinsman evidently felt as badly as any mother could and has repeatedly said that she would as soon part with one of her own children.

At a meeting of the Hancock council Friday afternoon, the president of the village was authorized to offer Mr. M. M. Morales \$6,000 for the twelve and a quarter acres at and surrounding the waterworks. This offer Mr. Morales has accepted.

Oscar Elliasen was accorded the contract to furnish the village at the waterworks 350 cords of body hemlock wood at \$1.70 per cord and 350 cords of body hard wood at \$2.30 per cord.

The suggestions presented by Health

Officer J. E. Scallon, M. D., relative to a health ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee. These suggestions include very full directions for the isolation of cases of contagious diseases.

Arrangements were made with Ed Herton to haul wood at the pump house at 25 cents per cord.

Congressman Aitken, who has charge in the house of the Mandell bill, which provides that 25 per cent of proceeds of the sale of public mineral lands shall go to the support of the various schools of mines, will push its passage during the present session. This is the substitute for the original bill, which provided that a per centage of the proceeds of the sale of lands go to the school in the State in which the land was situated. This was going to leave Michigan and the schools of mines in several other states out in the cold and the Mandell bill was a compromise. This measure, if passed, will be a very useful one for the educational authorities in aiding the work of our Mining School.

If you want to buy anything in the furniture line for Christmas presents and to have very little trouble in buying, if you wish to go into a store and find just what you desire at the price you feel you ought to pay, walk right over to my furniture store, where you will find the largest and best stock in town. Should you not find the stock of goods as I represent please mention it. Something would be wrong and I would have to remedy it right away.

Up-to-date Furniture House,  
J. N. MITCHELL,  
Hancock, Mich.

The report of the ninth annual meeting of the building and loan association league, published in neat book form, has been received by the local association. The book contains besides the proceedings of the meeting reports from various associations and portraits of the officers and delegates.

Matti Turvo, a trammer in the Franklin mine, was killed Friday night by a large rock rolling down the pile and striking him on the head. Justice Perry and a jury held an inquest and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Deceased was a single man.

The remains of John Garrity were brought to Hancock from L'Anse Saturday night. Deceased was an old resident of Hancock. His death was sudden, as only two days before he was at Hancock, apparently in his usual health.

Dr. James Hedley's forty-minute address at the men's meeting yesterday was a gem. His strains of eloquence are hard to match and his witticisms very spicy and well fitted to illustrate the point intended. He is the only man who has been here who can be called the equal of Prof. King as an entertainer. Sleigh loads of people came up from Chassell to hear him.

The remains of Mrs. Archibald MacNaughton were interred in Forest Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral party came by special train from Calumet, returning after the last sad rites were over.

Mr. G. H. Reeves, of the Hancock mercantile company, is home from Lockport, N. Y., from which place he has been shipping large quantities of apples all over the country.

Miss Elsie Goldsworthy, who has been teaching in the Bessemer city schools, arrived home Saturday to spend the holiday vacation.

John B. Hodges and Henry Opal have begun suit by attachment against Alex Penor, of South Lake Linden.

Edward T. Wright, of Great Falls, is spending the holiday time with his parents.

John Sturgis arrived home from Madison, Wis., Saturday to spend the holidays.

Roy Goldsworthy, of the Agricultural College at Lansing, arrived home Friday.

The Franklin and Atlantic paid their employees Saturday.

The Misses Chadbourne arrived home Saturday afternoon.

Clever Rubinstein.

The Italian tenor Marconi once made a visit to Rubinstein, during which the latter's little son came tripping eagerly into the music room and said, "This is my festa, papa, and I want a present." "Very well, my son, what shall it be?" "A waltz, papa—a new waltz all for myself, and new." "What an impatient little son it is!" exclaimed the great musician. "But of course you shall have your gift. Here it is. Listen! And for you," turning to the distinguished tenor, "I will play my 'Nero.'" "It seems almost incredible," says Marconi, "but then and there I witnessed and heard a most remarkable phenomenon. The maestro improvised and played a charming waltz with his left hand, giving me at the same time with his right the splendid overture." —San Francisco Argonaut.

### SENATORIAL CONTESTS

#### Bitter Struggles Likely to Take Place.

#### VOORHEES, THE TALL SYCAMORE.

#### A Rising Man of the Times—Oratorical Talent of the Indiana Senator—Poetic Justice in the Struggle in Wisconsin. Uncle Philletus Sawyer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. — [Special.]—There is great interest here in the senatorial contests which are to take place in a number of state legislatures next month. There are likely to be some bitter struggles in such states as North Carolina, Washington, South Dakota, Idaho and Utah. In Indiana and Wisconsin the result appears to be conceded. In the former state there is not much doubt that Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis will be the Republican choice, and, of course, that means the new senator, as the Republicans have control of the legislature. There has been some talk to the effect that ex-President Harrison would be a candidate for the senate, but recent announcement removes him from the list of possibilities. I have never regarded Mr. Harrison as a candidate. In fact, I am assured General Harrison has had no thought of re-entering public life. He would have been willing to be his party's candidate for the presidency again had the St. Louis convention chosen to nominate him, but General Harrison was indifferent even to that honor. As for the senatorship, he long ago gave the friends of Mr. Fairbanks to understand he would not be in the way, and, of course, he has never had any thought of disregarding that pledge.

#### The Indiana Contest.

Mr. Fairbanks' chief rival, if he have any, will be Riley W. McKean, a wealthy railroad man of Terre Haute. Mr. McKean is an able gentleman and has always been a liberal contributor to the party exchequer. He would make a good senator. But it happens that in the movement of practical politics in Indiana Mr. Fairbanks has come to the front as the leader of the Republican party. He once belonged to what was known as the Gresham faction in that state and was one of the warmest friends Judge Gresham had to the day of the latter's death. After 1888 Mr. Fairbanks became friendly also with General Harrison, and their relations have been cordial ever since. Last spring Mr. Fairbanks, after ascertaining that General Harrison was not a candidate, threw himself with vigor into the McKinley movement. Mr. Goudy was made chairman of the Indiana Republican state committee largely through Mr. Fairbanks' influence, and together they contrived to make most of the nominations for members of the legislature. The result is that the Indianapolis lawyer appears to have a sure thing on the senatorship.

Charles W. Fairbanks is one of the rising men of the time. He is rich, having

amassed a comfortable fortune at the practice of law, which led him into railroad operations. He is a splendid specimen of physical manhood, standing 6 feet 3 in his stockings, and as tall and straight as an Indian. He has tawny black hair and is gifted with winning manners. He makes friends rapidly and holds fast to them. He is polite always, and yet sincere. In recognition of his splendid services to the McKinley movement in Indiana he was chosen temporary chairman of the St. Louis convention. Mr. Fairbanks has an interesting family of daughters, and their accession to the Indiana colony in the national capital is impatiently awaited by their friends.

#### The Tall Sycamore.

If Mr. Fairbanks succeeds in his ambition to be senator from Indiana, he will succeed one of the veterans of the senate, Daniel W. Voorhees. If Mr. Voorhees was the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash, as he has been known for many years, what shall we call his successor, who overtops even the Tall Sycamore by several inches? Mr. Voorhees is now in Washington, but is not often seen in his seat in the senate chamber. He is still weak from his long illness, though he expresses himself hopeful that years of activity yet remain to him. Mr. Voorhees says he has been so busy during the past summer trying to keep on the face of the earth that he has had no time to worry about the political events which were consigning him to private life. He has reached that point, he says, where he is glad to be permitted to live even in the humblest station. Senator Voorhees is one of the veterans of the upper house. He has been there more than 19 years. He was appointed by the governor of his state, Nov. 6, 1877, to succeed Oliver P. Morton, deceased. There are only a half dozen men in the senate who have served longer in that body continuously than Mr. Voorhees.

If Senator Voorhees sufficiently recovers his health, he hopes to take to the lecture platform. He has flattering offers for talks about congenial subjects and is a fascinating public speaker. He has been one of the oratorical stars of the senate chamber for many years. If notice was given that the Tall Sycamore expected to speak, the galleries were always filled. He is a born orator, and, though he excels in criticism and denunciation, he has a heart warm and sympathetic, as many juries have been made to feel. As a defender of accused men before a jury Mr. Voorhees is perhaps unrivaled among American lawyers.

#### The Wisconsin Contest.

In Wisconsin the new senator, without much doubt, will be John W. Spooner. Mr. Spooner left the senate six years ago after serving a single term, in which he made a national reputation. He was compelled to retire by party changes in his state which brought a Democrat in his place. Mr. Vilas was elected to succeed Mr. Spooner, and now Mr. Spooner will have the pleasure of taking up the toga when Mr. Vilas lays it down. He will also have the satisfaction of knowing that he has been worthily worn during his absence. It is not often in the ups and downs of politics that men thus succeed one another in the senate.

Mr. Spooner belongs to what is known in Wisconsin as the Sawyer faction of the party, and if Uncle Philletus Sawyer lives

two years longer it is predicted by Wisconsin men that he will then have the pleasure of succeeding in the senate Mr. Mitchell, the man who took his place five years ago. Uncle Philletus used to be one of the characters of Washington, and his return would be welcomed by many admirers. It is the understanding that he would come back to the senate now if he were not for the poetic justice of giving Mr. Spooner the seat which Vilas took from him, while Sawyer waits for Mitchell.

WALTER WELLMAN.

Howling Dervish Now a Volunteer. "Joe, the Turk," has long been a feature in the Salvation Army, but the Volunteers, it is said, have secured for a convert the howling dervish, or child of the Mohammedan priests of the Bannum & Bailey circus. The dervish, according to Major Duncan, will soon become an active worker in the ranks of New York.

#### Rubber Sails.

A proposition is at present in the air to make the sails of ships of rubber instead of canvas. It is supposed that roped strongly along foot, luff and leech the result will be superior to the canvas sails. Surely, however, a sudden increase of wind power would expand the sail too much and cause some difficulty in governing the course of the boat. Paper pulp is again suggested as being an adequate substitute for canvas. When pressed into sheets and stitched together, it would make a light and effective sail. —Ram's Horn.

#### Feminine Logic.

"The female sex," said M. Caline lately, "is the most illogical in the world." "What new proof have you of the want of devotion of women to the cause of logic?" he was asked. "Why, take my wife," answered M. Caline. "I had all the trouble in the world to get her to enter her ties, and now, a dozen years later, can't get her out of them."

#### An Old Piece of Wood.

The oldest known piece of wood formed into the statue of an Egyptian sheik. The statue is evidently a likeness of the face bold and commanding. The man whom it represents has been dead for 6,000 years, and yet the wood of the statue is as perfect today as when turned from the workshop of the carver.

Reaumur, many years ago, made an exceedingly careful microscopic study of the mosquito's biting apparatus, which consists of several lancets enclosed in sheath. The tiny knives are driven lengthwise into the skin, the sucking apparatus is applied and the mosquito takes his dinner.

The shortest mail route between New York and Algiers demands 15 days.